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Amendment

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 5/6/03 in regard to the above-identified patent application. Five additional dependent claims have been added and three formerly dependent claims converted into independent claims. A check is enclosed in the amount of $342.00 as fee payment for these claims. Please charge deposit account 50-1924 for any fee deficiency.

Please amend the Application as indicated on the following pages.

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